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Teen Court

To ensure a successful relationship with Law Enforcement, it should be understood that the Teen Court referral tool is dedicated to efficient and effective intervention, addressing delinquency with juvenile offenders.

- When an Officer has contact with a minor, age 12-17, and finds they are in violation of a “non-detainable offense” (refer to list below), the Officer should refer them to Teen Court instead of Juvenile Probation.
- It is imperative that the officer run a probation check when writing the citation, because youth on formal or informal probation are not eligible to go through the Teen Court program. Be sure to indicate in your narrative that a probation check was completed and Teen Court filing is desired (see details below).
- The citation or report should include as much contact information as possible for the parents. An incident narrative can be written on the back of the citation or attached. The Narrative will be read at the Teen Court hearing.
- If an Officer refers to Teen Court, a PRO-190 **does not** need to be filled out. If the teen fails to attend or successfully complete Teen Court program, the Teen Court staff will fill out a PRO-190 and send it to Probation at that time.
- Referring Officers will be updated on the progress of the teens they refer and can contact Teen Court Staff anytime for a status report.

First-time juvenile offenders:

Refer directly to Teen Court for the following 52 enforcement sections:

11357(B)	HS	M		POSS MARIJUANA 28.5- GRMS	FINE
11357(E)	HS	M		MINOR POSS MARIJ SCHL GRD	FINE
11360(B)	HS	M		GIVE/ETC MARIJ 28.5- GRAM	FINE
12509(D)	VC	I		MISUSE INSTRUCTION PERMIT	FINE
12814.6(B)(1)(A)	VC	I		PROV LIC:NO DRIVE 11PM-5A	FINE
12814.6(B)(1)(B)	VC	I		PROV LIC:NO PASNGR -20YRS	FINE
12815(A)	VC	I		LIC LOST/ETC:DESTROY ORIG	FINE
12951(A)	VC	I		DRIVE W/O VALID LICENSE	N/A
16028(A)	VC	I		FAIL PROVE FIN RSP:PO REQ	N/A
16028(C)	VC	I		NO PROOF \$ RESP:ACCIDENT	
20-1.2	CO	I		NIGHTTIME CURFEW	FINE
20-2.1	CO	I		DAYTIME CURFEW	FINE
21200.5	VC	M		RIDE BIKE UNDER INFLUENCE	N/A

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21201(D)	VC	I			BIKE HEADLIGHT/ETC VIOL	N/A
21212(A)	VC	I			FAIL WEAR HELMET:BIKE:-18	N/A
21221.5	VC	M			OPR MOTR SCOOTR UNDER INF	FINE
21235(C)	VC	I			OP MOTR SCOOTR W/O HELMET	FINE
21954(A)	VC	I			PED-FAILURE TO YEILD TO VEH.	
21955	VC	I			JAYWALKING	N/A
22350	VC	I			UNSAFE SPEED:PREVAIL COND	N/A
23111	VC	I			THROW/ETC CIG/ETC:HWY/ETC	N/A
23112	VC	I			TOSS/ETC MATTER:HWY/ETC	FINE
23123.5(A)	VC	I			NO TEXT-BASED COMM W/DRIV	FINE
23124(B)	VC	I			USE CELL PH W/DRIV:UND 18	FINE
23221	VC	I			DRINK ALC IN VEH ON HWY	FINE
23222(A)	VC	I			POSS OPEN CONTAINER:DRIVE	FINE
23222(B)	VC	M			POSS MARIJUANA W/DRIVING	FINE
23223	VC	I			OPEN CONTAINER ALC:VEH	FINE
23224	VC	I			POSS OF ALC IN VEHICLE	FINE
23225(A)(1)	VC	I			OWNER/DRIVER:OPEN ALC:VEH	FINE
23226	VC	I			STORE OPEN/ETC ALC IN VEH	N/A
25620	BP	I			POSS OPEN ALCOHOL:PUBLIC	FINE
25658.5	BP	I			MINOR ATTEMPT TO BUY ALC	FINE
25662(A)	BP	M			MINOR POSSESS ALCOHOL	N/A
27315	VC	I			SEATBELT VIOLATION	N/A
27315(E)	VC	I			PASNGR 16+ NO SAFETY BELT	N/A
308(B)	PC	I			MNR IN POSS: TOBACCO/SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA (PIPE)	FINE
374.3(A)	PC	I			DUMP WASTE:OFFENSE MATTER	FINE
6-3A.01	MC	I	SM	CITY	NIGHTTIME CURFEW	FINE
6-3A.02	MC	I	SM	CITY	DAYTIME CURFEW	FINE
601	WI	S	RUN		RUNAWAY	N/A
601(A)	WI	S	BPC		MNR BEYOND PARENT CONTROL	N/A
601(A)	WI	S	CUR		CURFEW	N/A
601(B)	WI	S			TRUANCY	N/A
640.5(A)(1)	PC	I			GRAFFITI ON GOVT/ETC PROP	FINE
640.6(A)(1)	PC	I			GRAFITI:PROP DAMAGE -\$250	FINE
647E(A)	PC	I			OPEN ALC BEV POSTED PREM	FINE
9.04.010	MC	I	LMP	CITY	NIGHTTIME CURFEW	FINE
9.04.030	MC	I	LMP	CITY	DAYTIME CURFEW	FINE
9.16.030	MC	I	BUEL	CITY	POSS-DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	FINE
9.20.020	MC	I	BUEL	CITY	NIGHTTIME CURFEW	FINE
9.20.070	MC	I	BUEL	CITY	DAYTIME CURFEW	FINE

Teen Court referral Citations

- Mark the last box and write in "Teen Court" on the blank line below the list of court addresses.
- Also mark the box "To be notified." Circle M, but no booking is required.
- Write a detailed account of the circumstances on the back of the citation so it can be read at the teen's Teen Court appearance.
- Indicate at the end of your narrative that the report is to be referred to **Teen Court**.

Teen Court Program Intervention

- Teens referred to Teen Court will be contacted by program staff to do an intake session.
- They must take responsibility for their offense in order to participate in the program.

- They attend a Teen Court hearing with their parent/guardian during which they are questioned about their offense by a jury of teenage peers with the supervision of an adult volunteer judge.
- The teen jury deliberates and decides on an appropriate sentence based on a range of options tailored to the offense.
- Each sentence includes the following: nights of jury duty, community service, apology letters and/or reflective projects, one or more educational classes, one or more leadership groups, alcohol and drug awareness groups, and/or drug and alcohol treatment as needed, and parents/guardians are required to attend the six week parent program.
- Clients are randomly drug tested until they complete their contract.
- They have three months to complete the terms and conditions of their contract.

Teen Court Accountability

- When the minor completes the program, a Completion Certificate will be sent to the Santa Barbara Police Department.
- If the minor does not complete the program due to non-compliance, re-offense, or the minor chooses not to participate, a notice of refusal or a notice of failure will be sent to the Department. Teen Court will fill out a PRO-190 and forward the case to Juvenile Probation for traditional processing.

Program Goals and Outcomes

- Reduce the time between citation and intervention. In 2015 it took an average 35 days to get a referred teen to their court night from date of incident.
- High compliance completing terms of the Teen Court contract. Over 75% of referred teens complete their contract successfully.
- Low recidivism upon completing program. Of teens who completed their contract successfully, the 6 months recidivism rate is 8%. (2015 program evaluation data)
- All youth will be provided a screening to determine if treatment or mental health counseling is need.
- Parent engagement is important, and all parent/guardians of minors referred to Teen Court are required to attend their child's court hearing and to participate in a six week parent education and support group.

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